

## Romulus News

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**Timely Tidbits ...****Supplies for Troops**

Math students in Romulus High School teacher Kathy Abdo's class are collecting items to be sent to our servicemen and women overseas. Items sought for donation include: batteries, paperback books, playing cards, videos, Kool-Aid/drink mixes, pretzels, peanuts, individually wrapped candy, cookies, lip balm, wet wipes, and toiletries. All donations may be dropped off at the High School.

Students are also seeking the names of Romulus graduates who are currently serving overseas (or are about to be deployed) so that a box of goodies can be sent to them. Names and addresses may be submitted to Abdo at Romulus High School, 9650 South Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174.

**"Do Not Call" List**

State Senator Ray Basham (D-Taylor) is notifying consumers that they will soon be able to have their names added to the new federal "Do Not Call" registry.

"For the first time, consumers nationwide will be allowed to decide for themselves if they want to be bothered at home with telemarketing solicitations," he said.

Beginning in July, consumers can register, free of charge, either online or by telephone, to have their names placed on the national "Do Not Call" registry. The FCC is scheduled to announce the toll-free number and Website in June.

Basham is encouraging constituents to register online, rather than by phone, to prevent delays. The initial sign-up by phone will be phased in by region due to the expected high volume of calls, while online registration will be available immediately in July.

Once registered, a consumer's name will remain on the registry for five years before requiring renewal. The registration program will take effect in September 2003, at which time telemarketers will be required to "scrub" their lists of names on the registry every 90 days. Violators will be subject to an \$11,000-per-violation fine. □

**Council Considers Horseracing, Casinos***By Kristi Stephens*

Concerns about a sluggish economy, diminished development opportunities, and dwindling government funding have prompted the Romulus City Council to contemplate both horseracing and casinos for the City of Romulus.

On Monday, council voted 5-2 to consider Magna Entertainment Corporation's proposal for a racetrack on property northeast of the Wick/Vining intersection, and voted 6-1 to investigate the possibility of hosting casino gaming.

The horseracing vote was taken following a presentation by Frank Stronach, Magna's founder and chairman of the board. Stronach told the council that he is the leading racehorse owner in America, and that Magna, with 14 racetracks, is the foremost racetrack operator in the country.

Stronach showed council a site plan somewhat altered from the company's first proposal last fall. A total of three racecourses – to be located along the facility's north end on Smith Road – would be arranged in concentric ovals. The clubhouse would be located along the track's southern edge, while stables would be off to the east. To accommodate the City's desire for more commercial development, Stronach said that Magna would also be willing to develop an amphitheater and a shopping mall just south of the clubhouse, as well as a high-tech engineering center south of the stables. Landscaped parking would be accessible from both Wick and Vining roads.

Stronach told the council that his company would be open to additional suggestions for change.

"We would be totally flexible," he assured. "We would love to work with you."

Responding to questions from City Councilmen Bill Crova and Bill Wadsworth regarding the project's timetable, Stronach stated, "We could start simultaneously on the shopping mall, race-track, and high-tech [center]," adding that work could begin as soon as Magna obtained the necessary permits.

In an apparent attempt to diffuse opposition to his project based on moral objections to gambling, Stronach said "Trading on the stock exchange is no different from going to the racetrack, I think, except racetracks are more fun." He also stated his belief that horseracing is a superior form of gaming compared to lotteries, which he called "a taxation of the poor."

*continued on page 14***VFW Honors Servicemen with Yellow Ribbons**

To show their support and appreciation for the men and women now serving in the United States military, and in memory of those who served in the past, Romulus Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9568 is working with local citizens to conduct a yellow-ribbon campaign.

The group has already placed ribbons at the Romulus Veterans Memorial, Romulus City Hall, the 34th District

Court, and the Five Points area, and hopes to place additional ribbons all along Goddard Road in the near future.

The VFW wished to thank Bill and Diane Burton of Countrywood Florist for their support of the campaign, with special thanks to Diane, who has done a beautiful job making the bows. The group also expressed their sincere thanks to everyone who has contributed to the

ribbon campaign thus far.

Others who wish to support the VFW's efforts may do so by making a donation of \$3 per ribbon, with all proceeds going to VFW Post 9568.

For more information, or to make a donation, call Post Commander Robert Williams (734-941-3030), or stop in at Countrywood Florist, located at 36724 Goddard Road (734-229-1100). □



Among those involved in the yellow-ribbon campaign are (from left) Jack Wilson, Gary Taylor, Color Guard Oren Meyer (Desert Storm veteran), John Rose, VFW Post 9568 Commander Robert Williams, Senior Vice Commander Bernie Ruffolo (World War II veteran), past Commander Doug Harden, and Senior Vice Commander Bill Blackburn.



## "Help Rally" Will Raise Funds for Displaced Congregation



**Martin Temple Church of God in Christ** – located at 6566 South Wayne Road in Romulus – caught fire on January 27, 2003. The accident occurred when congregation members, using a blowtorch to thaw pipes outside the building, caused wood on the inside to begin smoldering.

When Martin Temple Church of God in Christ caught fire on January 27, 2003, it left a congregation homeless.

"It was totally destroyed," said Elder Edward Thomas, Jr., pastor of the church since 1992. "We're going to have to tear it down."

Unfortunately, there wasn't enough insurance to cover the cost of a new building.

"We need an additional \$60,000 to rebuild our church or purchase another facility," Thomas explained. "We are currently looking at a building in Westland, but we just can't afford it at this point."

Enter the good people at Saint City Church of God in Christ, who will play host to a "Help Rally" for Martin Temple COGIC on Sunday, April 27. The fundraiser will be held at Saint City Church (located at 7335 Washington in Romulus) beginning at 4 p.m.

Others who would like to make a

donation, but cannot attend the rally, may send their contributions to Elder Thomas at 15654 Springhill, Romulus, Michigan 48174. (For more information, call 734-941-6548 or 734-658-9150.)

"We would be forever grateful for whatever help you can give," he said.

The fire-gutted building on Wayne Road had been the home of Martin Temple since 1978, when the church was led by Elder Earl Martin. The building itself was constructed in 1949. □

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## Morris Already at Home in Romulus



Angela S. Morris

By Rikki Strobos

Although Angela S. Morris has been with Crane Funeral Home for less than a year, she is already becoming an integral part of the community.

"I recently have become active with the Progressive Club, the Boys & Girls Club, and the Pumpkin Festival Committee," said Angela, a licensed funeral director who began working at Crane last July. "I think that Romulus has many fine qualities, and I am eager to do my part."

Romulus is now truly home to the Marine City native, who lives next door to the funeral home because she believes it is important for her to be available whenever a need arises. She and her husband Jim – an employee of Complete Driving Services in Romulus – have three children: Chad (age 12), Zachary (6), and Hannah (4). The two oldest attend Romulus Community Schools.

It is perhaps inevitable that some people wonder why a young family woman would pursue a career as a funeral director.

"Although meeting and serving a grieving family can be heart-wrenching, it also is very rewarding," she explained. "I see people at a delicate time of their lives, and it is very fulfilling to gently guide them through the process of planning a funeral and seeing it through."

Angela likes the idea of combining her fresh ideas with well-established tradition.

"For instance," she noted, "one of the newest trends in funeral service is personification. We encourage families to bring pictures and mementos. It's so valuable to see aspects of a person's life that may otherwise have been overlooked."

Angela's addition to the dedicated staff at Crane Funeral Home has made the best even better. □

## Cranes Mark 20th Anniversary in Romulus

By Rikki Strobos

When you serve 20 years as a funeral director in a town like Romulus, you touch a lot of lives.

That has definitely been the case for William A. "Bill" Crane, who has become one of the city's best-known faces since coming here two decades ago.

Bill was already an experienced businessman when he bought Baum Funeral Home – located at 36885 Goddard Road – on April 23, 1983. In 1965, while still a sophomore in high school, he began working in Battle Creek's Royal Funeral Home, where he eventually worked his way up to manager before leaving, in 1979, to manage the Stark Funeral Home in Ypsilanti.

The Baum-Crane Funeral Home – as it was called until Bill became well established in Romulus – became Crane Funeral Home, Inc., in May of 1985. Since that time, the establishment has undergone numerous renovations and even acquired a spacious new addition. Bill works hard to update and improve his services, too, adopting innovative programs such as "life-appreciation planning," which helps families focus on what a truly unique individual their loved one was.

He is genuinely proud to serve families of all faiths and traditions.

Bill says that he's a funeral director because, plain and simple, he enjoys serving people. He knows that the relatively small amount of time that he spends with a family can have an enormous impact on their lives.

Few businessmen have given back to the community as much as Bill has. Besides being a current member of the Downtown Development Authority (of which he is the chairman), the Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce, the Romulus Historical Commission, the Romulus Historical Society, and the Nor-Wayne Salvation Army Advisory Council, Crane has also given service to the Rotary Club, the Lions Club, a local Optimist group, and the Michigan Week Festival Committee, among others.

The culmination of one of Bill's most impressive accomplishments of community service came on July 4, 1992, with the dedication of the Romulus Veterans Memorial. As then-chairman of the Romulus Rotary Club, Bill spearheaded the campaign that led to the monument's erection – a feat that played a great part in his being named as the Chamber's 13th annual Person of the Year in the spring of 1993.

Bill is also particularly proud of the recent improvement of Goddard Road between Wayne Road and Five Points – another project with which he was intimately connected.

The staff at Crane Funeral Home includes Angela S. Morris, co-director, who graduated *summa cum laude* from



Bill Crane and his wife Paulette (left) will celebrate Crane Funeral Home's 20th anniversary on April 23. They hope that dedicated staff members like new co-director Angela Morris (right) will help them continue their long tradition of service to the community.

Wayne State University with a bachelor's degree in mortuary science; Michelle Gregory, apprentice, who has an associate's degree in applied science and mortuary science from John Tyler University; Pete Bergeron III, assistant to the directors; and part-time staff members Marilyn Hoffer, Roy Maggard, and Cliff Jarvis.

Of course, Bill's "right-hand man" (so to speak) is his wife, B. Paulette Crane, whom he married just two weeks after purchasing the funeral home. Despite working 32 years as an administrative assistant at Eastern Michigan University, Paulette has always been an

integral part of the business – and, since her retirement from EMU two years ago, she has logged more hours at the helm than Bill himself.

Bill and Paulette have three children – Bill Crane, James Slagenwhite, and Jennifer Slagenwhite – as well as six grandchildren. Due to the very nature of the funeral-home business, the couple has had very little "time off" together over the years, but hopes to get away more often now that they can leave things in the capable hands of Angela, their new co-director. Bill also hopes to get in some extra hunting and fishing; Paulette is looking forward to more golf.



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## Billboard Design Contest Encourages Student Talent; Boosts City's Image

Improving the image of the City of Romulus may be as easy as making a 15-minute telephone call to a local businessman says Mayor Alan R. Lambert, whose recent conversation with Landing Strip Lounge owner Tom Nappo led to new plans for the use of two billboards on Goddard.

"I asked Tom if it was really necessary to advertise on billboards so close to our downtown area. He agreed that it wasn't, and was actually very nice about the whole thing," said Lambert. "After a couple of minutes of Tom and I brainstorming, he agreed to take down the advertising for his club and donate both billboards to the city for community-service ads. That goes a long way toward creating a new and positive image for our community."

Now, says Lambert, the City has decided to dedicate one of the billboards – the one that currently carries the message *Thanks for Visiting Downtown Romulus* – for the display of art created by Romulus students.

"I can't think of a better use for that billboard," he said.

Mayor Lambert's "2002 Holiday Card Contest" drew 300+ entries from area students hoping that their original art would be used to create the Mayor's official holiday greeting card. From those entries, two local student artist winners – Deanna Reyes and Nigerra Simpson – were chosen.

"The holiday card contest was further proof of the tremendous artistic talent in this community," said Lambert.

Mayor Lambert said he hoped to hold his billboard design contest twice a year, giving each winner at least six months of billboard exhibit time.

"I think the young people in this community have the talent to positively influence the image and pride of Romulus," said Lambert.

Youngsters interested in participating in the contest should prepare their entries right away, since the deadline for all submissions is Friday, April 25. For complete contest rules, see below.

### Official Contest Rules

- The contest is open to all Romulus kids ages 5–17.
- Ten finalists will be chosen.
- One winner will be selected from the 10 finalists.
- Only original, hand-rendered art is eligible for consideration. No photography or computer-generated art will be accepted.
- Original art must be no larger than 11"x14", no smaller than 8"x10".
- Limit: one submission per child.
- Each submission must have the child's name, age, address, and telephone number on the back of the art. Include the child's school of attendance, if possible.
- Submissions without the child's name, age, address, and phone number will not be considered.
- It is to be understood by parents/guardians that all submissions become the sole property of the City of Romulus, and cannot be returned. By becoming the sole property of the City of Romulus, submitted art may be used for other City events/services/promotional purposes. In this event, art will be properly attributed by name of its creator.
- The winner will receive his/her choice of a \$25 gift certificate to Toys R Us or a \$25 gift certificate to Star Theaters at Fairlane Town Center.
- Submissions must be mailed or hand-delivered to Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174, c/o Steve Jones, no later than 5 p.m. Friday, April 25, 2003. □



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## GM Powertrain Romulus Plant Named Clean Corporate Citizen



Steve Jones, director of public relations for the City of Romulus, was one of four guest speakers at the "Clean Corporate Citizen" award ceremony honoring the GM Powertrain Romulus Engine plant on March 28.

Governor Jennifer M. Granholm and Michigan Department of Environmental Quality director Steven E. Chester congratulated the General Motors Powertrain Romulus Engine plant for its recent designation as a Michigan Clean Corporate Citizen.

"This is the first Clean Corporate Citizen designated in the new administration, and it is a perfect example of how government and the private sector can work together to drive environmental improvement," said Granholm. "This designation demonstrates GM's commitment to being a responsible and conscientious neighbor in Michigan."

Michigan's Clean Corporate Citizen (C3) certification is a voluntary program recognizing environmental stewardship. To qualify for a C3 designation, candidates must adopt a facility-specific environmental system, implement active pollution-prevention initiatives, and have a consistent record of compliance with applicable environmental requirements. Clean Corporate Citizens are eligible for certain regulatory benefits under the state's environmental programs, including expedited permit approval. The program is open to establishments regulated under any of Michigan's environmental statutes. Designations are valid for one year, and must be renewed annually.

"We are pleased to designate the General Motors Powertrain Romulus Engine plant as Michigan's 57th Clean Corporate Citizen," said DEQ director Chester, who attended an award ceremony honoring the facility on March 28. "We are encouraged to see such valuable environmental partners continue to step forward and take the necessary steps to achieve this designation."

Steve Jones, director of public rela-

tions for the City of Romulus, was also among those who addressed GM Powertrain workers at the ceremony. Jones spoke of his father, James Robert Jones, who worked at GM's Lansing Oldsmobile plant for 39 years.

"Considering what my father had to say about GM and the UAW over the years, this award doesn't surprise me in the least," Jones said. "General Motors and the men and women of the UAW have long had a commitment to building excellent products and serving the communities where these products are built. 'Whenever I see the GM logo and the UAW emblem, I know there's a commitment to teamwork that can only result in great things like this award,' he added.

The Romulus Engine plant successfully completed ISO 14001 certification in November 2000. Spokesmen say that the plant is committed to shrinking its environmental footprint through pollution prevention, continued environmental compliance, and striving for continual improvement in environmental issues.

"The Romulus Engine plant is proud to be one of the five GM facilities to receive the Clean Corporate Citizen award to date," said Steve Somers, plant manager. "We are committed to a strong internal environmental management system, and support pollution prevention initiatives in the community. We will continue to strive for innovative ways to continuously improve our environmental stewardship."

The 1.5-million-square-foot plant, located on Ecorse Road, employs about 2,500 employees and produces about 50% of GM's truck engines. Plant operations include machining, assembly, and wastewater treatment operations. □

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# Cory Talent Show Featured Performances by 14 Acts



Cory Elementary School's recent talent show – attended by a large group of parents and other family members/friends – featured performances by the following students: (from left) front – Krystal Wegrzyn and Kierstyn Slatinsky; second – Tiffany Cummings, Onja'Leese Warren, Kyra Crawford, Les'Cia Watkins, Courtnee Kennedy, and Zoatta Hogan; third – Nakeya Pinkston, Rayvale Booker, Evelyn Blackmon, Angelique Blackmon, Briana Jones, Shauree Reed, Melissa Dufore, Kaessi Torres, Nicole Siemaszko, and Kaela Torres; back – Pierre Johnson, Ciera Franklin, Destiny Swanigan, Nadia Watson, Mahalia Benjamin, Dominique Holmes, Tamsha Christian, Amber Sears, and Motunrola Emanuel.

An enthusiastic group of students worked together to present 14 outstanding acts at Cory Elementary School's recent talent show. Principal Phyllis Adkins said she was "amazed" at how much time and effort the students put into their performances, and was also pleased with the large group of parents who attended the show.

The performances included:

- Valerie Crawford (as "Star 69") singing "I Can't Wait";
- Abi Emanuel and Cedric Staples (as "313 Platinum") performing "Air Force 1";
- Kaela Torres, Kaessi Torres, Melissa Dufore, and Nicole Siemaszko (as "Sk8er Girlz") dancing to "Sk8er Boi";
- Destiny Swanigan, Mahalia Benjamin, and Nadia Watson (as "The Girls") dancing to "Bills, Bills, Bills";
- Amber Sears and Rola Emanuel performing two flute/clarinet duets;
- Nakeya Pinkston dancing to "Independent Women";
- Evelyn Blackmon, Angelique Blackmon, and Dominique Holmes (as "The G Girls") dancing to a medley;
- Rayvale Booker and Ciera Franklin (as "Ray and C") performing an original rap number;
- Linda Haggen singing "If You Only Knew";

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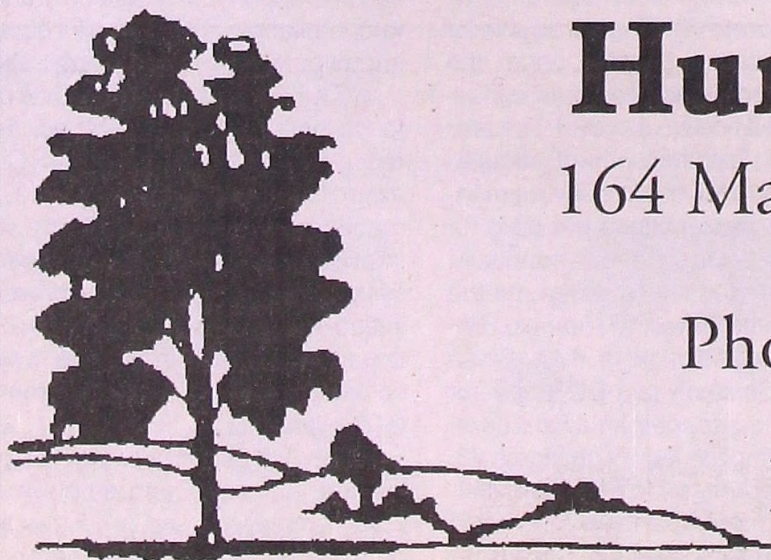
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- **Kentuckians of Michigan To Host Country Dance** – The Kentuckians of Michigan will host their next Country Dance – featuring live entertainment provided by the Kentucky Bluebirds – at Liberty Park (located at 28391 Bredow Road in Romulus) on Saturday, April 26. A buffet meal will be served from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Beer and setups included. No one under age 21 will be admitted. Admission is \$15 per person. Call 734-782-0132 for information.
- **St. Paul's Hosts Blood Drive** – St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (corner of Craig and Ellis streets in New Boston) will host a community blood drive on Monday, April 28, from 2 to 8 p.m.
- **"Lupus: Hope Through Understanding"** – A lupus educational seminar, titled "Lupus: Hope Through Understanding," will be held at the Dearborn Centennial Library on Saturday, May 3, from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Featured speakers will include: W. Joseph McCune, MD ("Lupus: Past, Present, and Future" – a question-and-answer session); Dr. Michael Masini of the Michigan Orthopedic Center; and Dr. Steven Ajluni, cardiologist ("Lupus and Your Heart"). The seminar is free and open to the public. For more information, call the Lupus Alliance (800-705-6677) or visit [www.milupus.org](http://www.milupus.org).
- **Church Celebrates 125th Anniversary** – As part of the St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church's 125th anniversary celebration, the church (corner of Craig and Ellis streets, New Boston) is inviting the public to attend a special program featuring guest speaker C. William Hoesman, Michigan District president, on Sunday, May 4, at 9:30 a.m. Call 734-753-9048 or e-mail [StPauls@1878.ameritech.net](mailto:StPauls@1878.ameritech.net) for more information.
- **"Sons of the Desert" Celebrate Laurel & Hardy Films** – The Detroit-area chapter of Sons of the Desert, a Laurel & Hardy fan club, will meet at Mama Mia's Restaurant (located at 27770 Plymouth Road, west of Inkster, in Livonia) on Thursday, May 15. (Parking is available across the street in the west lot; enter through the banquet hall doors.) Dinner will be served between 6 and 8 p.m.; films and fun will follow. For more information, contact Frank by telephone (734-955-2487) or by e-mail ([rozlaf@aol.com](mailto:rozlaf@aol.com)).
- **Romulus Democratic Club** – The Romulus Democratic Club meets at the UAW Hall/Local #174 (29841 Van Born Road) on the third Thursday of every month (next meeting: May 15) at 7 p.m. For more information, call Jack H. Trumble, Club President, at 734-941-3513, or page him at 734-360-2232.
- **"African American Experience" Book Discussion Group** – The African American Experience Book Discussion Group meets at 6:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month (next meeting: May 21) at the Romulus Public Library (11121 Wayne Road). New members are always welcome. For more information about the club or its reading list, call 734-942-7589.
- **Open Swimming** – Open swimming continues to be offered at Romulus High School's new pool complex (located at 9650 South Wayne Road, just north of I-94) according to the following schedule: **Adults Only** (Mondays from 6 to 7 a.m. and 6 to 8:30 p.m.; Tuesdays from 3 to 5:30 p.m.; and Wednesdays from 6 to 7 a.m.), **Seniors (age 60+) Only** (Tuesdays from 6 to 8:30 p.m.), **Teens (ages 13-17) Only** (Wednesdays from 6 to 8:30 p.m.), **All Ages** (Thursdays from 3 to 5:30 p.m.), and **Family Swimming** (Fridays from 6 to 8:30 p.m.). To participate, all swimmers must preregister at the Romulus Adult and Community Education Office, located at 39000 Superior. Children under the age of 13 must be accompanied by an adult. Proper swimming attire required. Cost for residents is \$3 per session (\$2 for senior citizens) or \$60 for an all-year pass (\$40 for senior citizens). Family passes – a real bargain! – are available to Romulus residents for just \$100 per year. For more information, please call 734-532-1956.

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## RHS Robotics Team Competes



Members of the GM Powertrain Romulus Engine Operations/Romulus High School Eagles robotics team – including (from left) Malcolm Rhodes, Eric Poet, Tom Morgan (GM engineer), Philip Roscoe (as the Eagle mascot), Damien Funderburk, and Kevin Gay (GM engineer) – were in good spirits after a 72-14 victory in one of six preliminary matches held at EMU.

The General Motors Powertrain Romulus Engine Operations/Romulus High School Eagles robotics team opened its 2003 season by participating in a regional robotics competition held at Eastern Michigan University last month. Romulus placed 52nd in a field of 68 teams.

The competition required teams to use predetermined materials to build a robot that could climb an inclined ramp, knock over approximately 20 large plastic storage bins, pile them up again, and get to the top of a platform before the time limit expired.

In the preliminaries, each school's team was paired with a team from another school, and had to play against a different two-team opponent. Points were awarded for knocking bins off a platform into the opposing team's territory, for piling up bins, and for ending the match with a robot on top of the platform.

The Eagles, who compiled a final record of 3-3, averaged 65 points per match. Their competition partner in one of their victories, the team from Daimler Chrysler/Walled Lake Western, led the preliminary round with an average of 174 points per match, but lost in the

finals to another DCX team from Lake Orion High School.

David Cooper, the new faculty advisor to the Romulus robotics team, was pleased with the Eagles' effort at the EMU event – which he said is generally regarded as "the biggest and toughest robotics regional in the country" – and was even more pleased with the team's 12th-place finish at a later competition in Grand Rapids.

"Romulus was in 6th place through the first day of the competition thanks to improvement in all aspects of the team's performance," said Cooper.

Unfortunately, the Eagles eventually fell too far in the rankings to be eligible for the final round, which was limited to the top eight teams.

The GM/Romulus robotics team was also scheduled to participate in a competition in Toronto, Canada, but GM decided not to send teams there due to the current SARS (severe acute respiratory syndrome) health risk. The GM Powertrain Romulus Engine division has donated \$9,000+ and the services of three engineers to the Romulus High School robotics program this year. □

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# Science Department Reports to Board of Education



(Back, from left) Edward Clark, the district's director of human resources; William Routhier, director of business and operations; and Lori Russell, first-grade teacher at Barth Elementary School, were among those who looked on as Russell's students (from left: Cheyenne Adams, Sidney Morris, Madison Tyree, Krista Wilkewitz, Nicholas Banko, and Benjamin Mach) stated their hypothesis about whether various objects will float or sink in water, then performed an experiment to test their theory.

The Romulus Community Schools Board of Education received a report from the district's science department on March 24. The report featured elementary students giving demonstrations of "hands-on" experiments made possible by the science kits that the district purchases each year.

Students from each grade level told Board members how they used the scientific method to conduct their experiments, using terms such as "hypothesis" (what they thought would happen), "observation" (what they actually saw happen), and "conclusion" (whether or not their experiment's results supported their hypothesis). Experiment topics included geological formations, the solar system, electromagnetic motors, the formation of gases, and the characteristics of floating objects.

Pat Adams, the district's science coordinator for the elementary level, and Chris Powers, strand leader for the secondary level, noted that Romulus schools have been incorporating new instructional strategies into their lessons this

year. These strategies include full use of the new elementary and secondary science labs, National Science Foundation online lessons, inquiry-based lessons, professional development programs, and science fairs at all district schools.

Sharon Grandell, head of the Middle School's science department, and her High School counterpart, Paul Niedermeyer, have added some of their own strategies, as well. These include participation in Science Olympiad programs and the Rouge River environmental project, a High School forensics project, "contextual" lessons, special units on endangered species, interactive Websites for students, and the use of new Middle School textbooks with support CDs for each chapter.

District curriculum director Tom Dolan complimented the group on the presentation.

"The science department's hard work has resulted in district students achieving significantly higher MEAP science scores over the past several years," he noted. □



Dawn Pluff, a fourth-grade teacher at Cory Elementary, had students (from left) Heather Mason, Michael Henich, and Melissa Dufore explain their Science Fair projects to Board members.



Board members – including trustee Ken Mientkiewicz (back, left) and acting president Betty Lenossi (back, right) – watched as Staci Alguire, a fifth-grade teacher at Wick, had students Alec Staten and Beatrice Boyd demonstrate how a sandwich might model a geological rock formation.



Cathy Kudra, kindergarten teacher at Halecreek Elementary, had Jalen Copeland, her "scientist of the week," demonstrate a vinegar-and-baking-soda experiment to Board members, including (back, from left) trustee Michael Woods, treasurer April Frayer, acting president Betty Lenossi, and secretary Cheryle Buckley.

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# Around the District



Members of the Romulus Elementary School parents group – including (from left) Ron and Shaun Walczak, Selassica O'Flynn, Keesha Thompson, Dontonio Thompson, Carie Hatcher, and Terry Kozik – discussed plans for upcoming projects at a recent meeting.



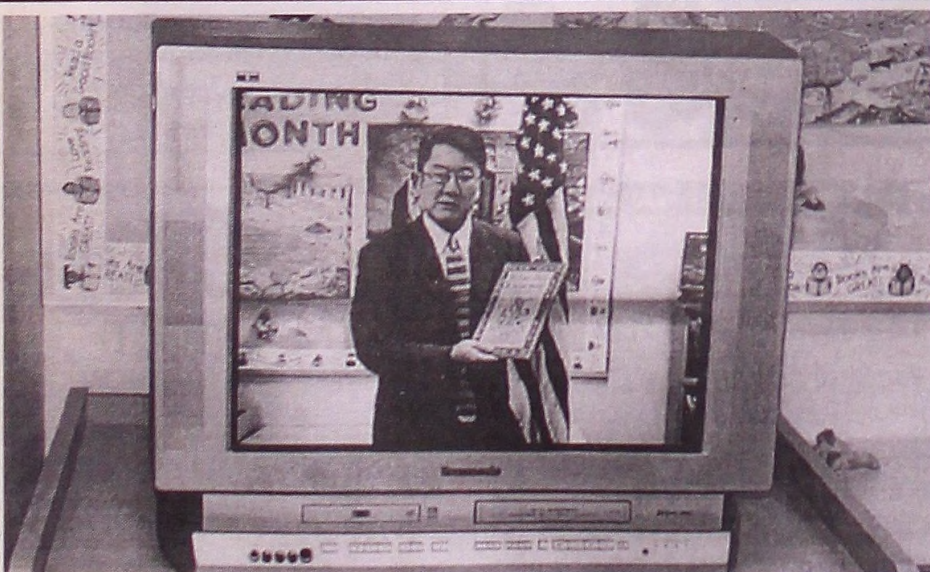
Cory Elementary teacher Mo Brennan (back) and her kindergarten class recently collected \$132 for the Romulus Animal Shelter through a student coin drive. The students also enjoyed a visit to the Shelter, where they met and talked with director Kim Matthews.



Linda Goulette (back) a first-grade teacher at Merriman Elementary, has been selected as the Romulus Community Schools "Teacher of the Year." Principal Shellie Moore said that Goulette – who often spends extensive time after school, working up individualized lesson plans for her students – is "truly dedicated to her students, and 'walks the extra mile' in order to insure their success."



Board trustee Niema White (back, right), principal Sharon Silveri (back, second from right), and kindergarten teacher Cathy Kudra (front, second from right) congratulated the Halecreek parents group (from left: front – Lori Rogers, Tammy Garrison, Heidi Damron, and Ann Lammers; back – Karen Britt, Brunckices Francos, and Debbie Orr) for raising \$15,000 for playground equipment. The amount will be matched by the School Board.



State Representative Hoon-Yung Hopgood (D-Taylor) was among several local dignitaries who visited Merriman Elementary to discuss their favorite children's books with students. The presentations by Hopgood, Romulus Board of Education members Betty Lenossi and Cheryle Buckley, and other guests were taped, then broadcast over the school video system.



Giving Romulus Elementary's fourth-, fifth-, and sixth-graders a recent lesson in "how to play the game" was the school's staff volleyball team: (from left) front – Julie Kovar, Marjie McAnally, and Roxanne Kucharski; back – Sarah Rollins, Janel Hoskins, Nadine Craig, Jeff Leucht, and Pia Chasney. The victory was the staff's second in a row against the students.



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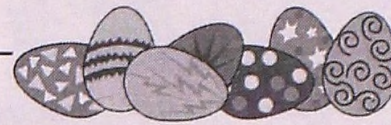
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# Athletics Banquet



Among the guests who enjoyed the recent Romulus Community Schools Winter Athletics Banquet were (from left) Anthony White, Niema White (trustee, Romulus Board of Education), Joel R. Carr (superintendent of schools), and Betty Lenossi (acting president, Romulus Board of Education).



Basketball coaches gave Athletic Department secretary Paula Smith two dozen roses as a thank-you.



The annual athletic banquets are made possible through fundraisers conducted at district athletic events by members of the Romulus Athletic Boosters, including: (from left) front – Debra Rendrick, Cheryl Buckley (secretary, Board of Education), Linda Ryznar (club treasurer), and Sheri Hicks; back – Ronald Buckley, Ron Dick (club president), and David Jones (club vice-president).



The RHS basketball coaching staff – (from left) Steve Glenn (V assistant), Reggie Kirkland (JV assistant), Avery Taylor (freshman head), Nate Oats (V head), and (far right) Joshua Baker (JV head) – congratulated All-Mega Red League players Ron Coleman (third from right) and Ron Buckley. Both were selected to the Heritage Newspapers' All-Class "A" Team, while Coleman was further recognized on the *Free Press* All-State Class "A" Team.



Wrestling coaches David Cooper (assistant; left) and Jason Balcom (head; right) congratulated their two seniors – Chris Anderson (second from left) and Jamie Henne – at the breakout session after the banquet. Anderson was All-Mega Red for the second year in a row, and received All-State honors last season. Henne showed strong leadership skills and posted a fine record this season.



The award-winning Romulus High School culinary arts program served an outstanding dinner for the banquet. The program – under the direction of teacher Charles Usztics and his assistant, Angelica Richardson – includes students (from left) Kristin Gumphier, Christal Csupak, Rachel Perlaki, Tiana Moore, Jenessa Deshazor, Jessie Ankofski, Ashley Nelson, Kursha Bradford, and (back) Jujuan Mosby.



## Council Considers Horseracing, Casinos

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Regarding concerns about crime, Stronach noted that track employees must be licensed and must have a clean criminal record. He also said that, if asked, police in communities where Magna operates its existing racing facilities would confirm that there's hardly any criminal activity associated with the tracks.

On the subject of slot machines, Stronach said that his company had planned to include them at the facility, and reminded the council that a portion of their revenue would go to the City, but added, "If the town doesn't want to have slot machines, there wouldn't be slot machines."

Following Stronach's presentation, Councilwoman Debbie Romak made a motion to "accept the conceptual proposal for the horseracing facility" and "further consider a change in established City policy." Citing a steady decline in commercial/industrial development as well as revenue cuts, increased City expenditures, increased costs, and rising unemployment, Romak said, "I believe your proposal could provide a catalyst for further economic growth and development. ... I hope that you are people of your word, and that you are flexible and will offer our community beneficial economic options."

Among those joining Romak in her support for the proposal was Wadsworth.

"If this can be the catalyst to begin something up there, then let it begin," said the City's senior councilman, who reminded listeners that he has been waiting 20 years for development to come to that area.

But Councilman LeRoy Burcroff, one of the two who voted against the motion, doesn't think that a racetrack will spur further economic growth.

"I know that people are feeling impatient because of all the proposals that have fallen through in the past, but I don't agree that anything is better than nothing," Burcroff told *The Romulus News*. "We had a definite vision for the development of that land – projects that would benefit the entire community; projects that we could all be proud of."

"In my line of work, I do a lot of traveling, and I meet people from all over," he continued. "When I tell them I'm from Romulus, they mention either the Airport or the Landing Strip. I don't want a racetrack to become another negative landmark in our public image."

"Let's wait until we have a really attractive proposal to serve as a catalyst. I don't think that residential or corporate America wants to be located next to a horseracing facility."

Burcroff also opposes the project on a moral and spiritual level.

"I don't feel that people who gamble are bad; I just don't support it personally," he said.

City Council Chairman Randy Gear joined Burcroff in opposing the race-track proposal, but later voted in favor of considering a casino proposal.

"There's a big difference between the two," Gear said after the meeting. "I just don't believe that a racetrack would generate the revenue that they're projecting. And there are other concerns, too, including noise and smell."

"Casinos, on the other hand, are a proven draw for commercial business, which is what we really need. We've been disappointed by speculative developers for 20 years now. It's time to get things started."

Wadsworth agrees.

"The reason that we're [considering casino gaming] ... [is that] our budget, every year, is getting smaller and smaller and smaller," he said. "And if you had told me five years ago that I would have been in favor of this, I'd have told you I've got a Brooklyn Bridge. ... But we've come to the point right now that this town can no longer hope and pray that we'll get funds from state or federal people, because the funds aren't there ... and I think we, as elected officials up here, have an obligation to the people that sleep in this town to provide them with basic services."

"As economic times get worse," he continued, "we don't see people rushing in here to develop in our town. And this may be a chance that we have to sit down as adult, educated people and look at the proposal."

"This doesn't mean it's [positively] going to come here ... because, if it's not what we want, I'm not going to vote in favor of it. But I think we have a definite obligation to listen to it."

Yet Burcroff – the lone dissenter – worries that the City would be opening its doors to something it can't control.

"Indian casinos are federally regulated, superceding local jurisdiction," he explained. "We're already forced to deal with having a County-governed airport in the heart of our city. I'm not willing to relinquish any more of our property to the control of others." □

## Cory Talent Show

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- Kierstyn Slatinsky and Krystal Wegrzyn (as "Bad Girls") dancing to "Uh Huh";
- Tiffany Cummings, Kyra Crawford, Zoatta Hogan, Courtnee Kennedy, Onja Leese Warren, and Les'Cia Watkins (as "The Bad Angels") dancing to "Are You That Somebody?";
- Malcolm Wells and Pierre Johnson (as "734") performing an original rap song, "Cory Elementary";
- Tamsha Christian singing "Aaliyah's Number-One Fan"; and
- Briana Jones and Shauree Reed (as "2BGs") dancing to "Air Force 1." □

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### REGULAR MEETING, MARCH 24, 2003

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, March 24, 2003, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Acting President Betty Lenossi.

Roll call showed members Lenossi, April Frayer, Cheryle Buckley, Michael Woods, Celeste Roscoe, Kenneth Mientkiewicz, and Niema White present. All administrators were present.

Acting President Lenossi led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

3/03/11 Moved by White supported by Mientkiewicz to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

3/03/12 Moved by White supported by Frayer to approve the Minutes of March 10, 2003, as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

##### Personnel Actions

FYI EMPLOYMENT: Susan Sharrow, Kindergarten Aide, Barth Elementary School, Effective March 24, 2003.

##### Bills for Payment

3/03/13 Moved by Mientkiewicz supported by Roscoe to approve the Bills for Payment as submitted by Mr. William Routhier, Director of Business and Operations. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

##### Curriculum Report – Science

Mr. Paul Niedermeyer and Mesdames Powers, Adams, Kudra, Russell, and Grandell, along with students, presented an overview of goals and objectives for the Science Curriculum in the Romulus school district, and responded to questions posed by members of the Board of Education.

##### Emergency Preparedness – Discussion Only

Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent, discussed the Emergency Preparedness Plan with members of the Board of Education. He stated that we plan to have school and continue with our children's education. We are currently working with the City of Romulus, the County, the State, and Airport authorities.

##### Appointment of Representative of Board to Wayne County RESA

The Board of Education appointed Kenneth Mientkiewicz to represent the Romulus school district at the Wayne County Association of School Boards.

##### Communications and Expressions from the Public

None.

##### Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent, shared the following items of interest with members of the Board of Education: 1) Newsletter – Halecreek Elementary School; 2) Newsletter – Cory Elementary School; 3) Thank You – Wick Elementary School; 4) Learning to Read – Pilot Project; 5) Kelley Cawthorne Capitol Report; 6) State Procedures for Schools; and 7) Wayne County RESA Board of Education Election.

##### Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Mr. Michael Woods asked about our Learning to Read project involvement. Mr. Tom Dolan, Curriculum Director, stated that we are already involved. He also asked about having professional fund-raisers in our district. Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent, stated that we have tried operating a foundation, but business has been slow and participation in these fund-raisers has been very limited. At this time, we are not interested in hiring a fund-raiser for our schools.

Mrs. Niema White suggested that children go first when presenting to the Board of Education.

Mr. Kenneth Mientkiewicz asked if we had a bus accident procedure to tell schools what to do in case of an accident. Mr. William Routhier, Director of Business and Operations, stated that we do.

Mrs. Celeste Roscoe congratulated the Solo and Ensemble groups in their most recent competition. She also asked the status of the Middle School baseball diamond.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION:

3/03/14 Moved by Woods supported by Mientkiewicz to convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Negotiations and the Superintendent's Evaluation. Roll call vote showed: Ayes: White, Mientkiewicz, Roscoe, Woods, Buckley, Lenossi, and Frayer. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 8:19 p.m.

3/03/15 Moved by Mientkiewicz supported by Woods to reconvene in Regular Session. Roll call vote showed: Ayes: White, Mientkiewicz, Roscoe, Woods, Buckley, Lenossi, and Frayer. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board reconvened in Regular Session at 9:17 p.m.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

3/03/16 Moved by Mientkiewicz supported by White that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cheryle Buckley, Secretary  
Romulus Board of Education



# Romulus Schools Honor Students for Academics, Attendance

Congratulations to the following Romulus Community Schools students, whose hard work and dedication earned them a spot on their school's honor roll and/or perfect-attendance list for the third marking period of the 2002-2003 school year.

## Barth Elementary

### ALL A's

#### **Fourth Grade – Mrs. Gursky**

Aprill Arthur and Jennifer Sylvester.

#### **Fourth Grade – Mr. Jastrzab**

Caitlyn Brit and Jesse McGrane.

#### **Fifth Grade – Mrs. Kline**

Brianna Shreve and Sheila Watts.

#### **Fifth Grade – Ms. Napolitano**

Breana Keels, John Lewkowicz, and Sheila Reeves.

#### **Sixth Grade – Mr. Baty**

Derek Bennett and Samantha Watson.

#### **Sixth Grade – Mr. Blackburn**

David Forbush, Chelsea Tyree, and Spencer Winter.

### HONOR ROLL

#### **Fourth Grade – Mrs. Gursky**

Katelynn Buyer, Spencer DeFelice, Hallie Laginess, and Emily Lewkowicz.

#### **Fourth Grade – Mr. Jastrzab**

Rachael Bagley, Robert Hayes, Courtney Johnson, Briana McVay, and Kelsey Sharrow.

#### **Fifth Grade – Mrs. Kline**

Alexandria Amolsch, Brooklyn Isbell, Kelly Kovacs, Michael Lovelady, Tiffany Nerone, Kelly Ragay, Senada Rakic, Chris Reyna, and Daijah Street.

#### **Fifth Grade – Ms. Napolitano**

Holly Atchley, Brandon Badilla, Erica Hayes, Kelly Kennedy, Okiska Roberts, Nikita Rose, and Brittany Wilkewicz.

#### **Sixth Grade – Mr. Baty**

Emily Doyle, Kelsey Hadyniak, Chelsea Hay, Erica Herren, Alexis Moore, Cheyenne Oakley, Chelsea Stafford, and MaryAnn Watts.

#### **Sixth Grade – Mr. Blackburn**

Samantha Bankey, Quindai Christopher, Jory King, Katie Koester, Brittany Rodgers, Holly Schonscheck, Jessica Sylvester, Adam Thornsby, and Kanaya Williams.

### PERFECT ATTENDANCE

#### **Kindergarten – Mrs. Richard**

Clare Freeman, Jeremy Hatfield, and Alexis Paige.

#### **Second Grade – Mrs. Montroy/Withey**

Desiree Clemons, Devonna Cooper, and Jennifer Cronk.

#### **Second Grade – Miss Moore**

Robin Akers, Kevin Littler, and Kyneth-Kyle Noble.

#### **Third Grade – Mrs. Street**

Kaivon Barker, Chelsea Calhoun, and Brandon Mahon.

#### **Fourth Grade – Mrs. Gursky**

Christopher Adams, Daniel Akers, Spencer DeFelice, Steven Doktor, Jacob Heil, Gregory McCloud, and Travis Trout.

#### **Fourth Grade – Mr. Jastrzab**

Caitlyn Britz, Daijanae Byers-Davis, Eddie Colquitt, Darrin Crawford, Yancey George, and Robert Hayes.

#### **Fifth Grade – Mrs. Kline**

Alexandra Amolsch, Tyra Harris, Joey Herbert, Joshua Kennedy, Malcolm Martin, Sheila Watts, and LaSadie White.

#### **Sixth Grade – Mr. Baty**

Kayla Dizney, Emily Doyle, Brandyn Martin, and Samantha Watson.

#### **Sixth Grade – Mr. Blackburn**

Tanesha Hill-Harris, Mariah Johnson, and Jory King.

## Cory Elementary

### PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL

#### **Third Grade – Ms. Watson**

Janelle Carter.

#### **Fourth Grade – Mrs. D. Pluff**

Briana Glenn.

#### **Fourth Grade – Mrs. Price**

Valerie Crawford and Jonathon Stone.

#### **Fifth Grade – Mr. Commander**

Motunrola Emanuel, Ashley Fowler, Ammie Gordon, Caitlynn Lefler, Destiny Swanigan, and Brooke Tanner.

#### **Fifth Grade – Ms. Roberts**

Mahelia Benjamin.

#### **Sixth Grade – Mr. Grange**

Cody Barnes, Rodney Cofield, Melissa DuFore, and Nicole Siemaszko.

#### **Sixth Grade – Ms. Miller**

Christine Amis and Meriah Chapman.

### HONOR ROLL

#### **Third Grade – Ms. Hartman**

Breonna Batchelor, Jordan Ditsch, Devin Gentner, Kayte Nickel, Nakeya Pinkston, Breonna Pope, and DeAndre Thompkins.

#### **Third Grade – Ms. Watson**

Chyanne Ballard, Andrianna Barden, Jacob Carter, Franchella Foreman, Shawnta Hamby, Steven Pratt, Azia Riley, and Courtney Thomas.

#### **Fourth Grade – Mrs. D. Pluff**

Luke Blum, Brittany Forbes, Michael Henich, Cailyn Mines, DuJuan Partee, Dairrein Searcy, Derek Sears, and Zachary Williams.

#### **Fourth Grade – Mrs. Price**

Tiffany Cummings, Brittany Glenn, Brittni Hillard, Zoatta Hogan, Benjamin Hojnowski, Heather Mason, and Chelsea Thomas.

#### **Fifth Grade – Mr. Commander**

Willie Johnson, Briana Jones, Charlena Mabry, Micheline Miller, Shauree Reed, Emmanuel Sanders, Amber Sears, and Joseph Willis.

#### **Fifth Grade – Ms. Roberts**

Tristen Allen, Ceara Franklin, Dominique Holmes, Michelle Miller, Juwan Piggee, Kierstyn Slatinsky, Nadia Watson, and Krystal Wegrzyn.

#### **Sixth Grade – Mr. Grange**

Michael Allen and DiChelle Freeman.

### PERFECT ATTENDANCE

#### **Second Grade – Mrs. Askew**

Denford Briscoe, Jevon Claypool, Sydné Higginbotham, Kyaleaia Holmes, Gregory Tanner, and Shawna Underwood.

#### **Third Grade – Ms. Hartman**

Taque Courtland.

#### **Third Grade – Ms. Watson**

Andrianna Barden, Shawnta Hamby, Ashley Perry, Lorane Rendon, Azia Riley, and Darius Tyson.

#### **Fourth Grade – Mrs. D. Pluff**

Evelyn Blackmon and Khalil Hamilton.

#### **Fourth Grade – Mrs. Price**

Angelique Blackmon, Tiffany Cummings, Heather Mason, and Onja'Leese Warren.

#### **Fifth Grade – Mr. Commander**

Charlena Mabry, Amber Sears, Destiny Swanigan, and Brooke Tanner.

#### **Fifth Grade – Ms. Roberts**

Mercedes Hawes, Domonique Holmes, Aaron Little, Michelle Mileir, Shavon Washington, Nadia Watson, and Krystal Wegrzyn.

#### **Sixth Grade – Mr. Grange**

Rodney Cofield, Melissa DuFore, Ronald Kersey, and Alexis Riley.

#### **Sixth Grade – Ms. Miller**

Christine Amis, Nicholas Curry, David Ellis, Abiola Emanuel, Antonio Jackson, Reynard Mullins, Donnavin Searcy, and Darrairie Wells.

## Halecreek Elementary

### HONOR ROLL

#### **Fifth Grade**

Corey Arnett-Butscher, Timothy Byrum, Phillip Crook, Jordan D'Ambrose, Haley Davis, Tamara Garrison, Tierra Garrison, Skylarr Hussey, Jazmyn Jones, Cameo Kendrick, Kristin Lawson, Britany Little, Daniel Lucaj, Danielle Lucaj, Chelsea McDiarmid, Ryan McLachlan, Chelsea McLaughlin, Kristina Mercier, Denzel Ray, Alysha Rec, Audra Rec, Jennifer Russell, Jordyn Sherbrook, Desiree Watt, and Michelle Whorton.

#### **Sixth Grade**

Olivia Boler, Filmore Bouldes, Britany Charleston, Melissa Clay, Brianna Grover, Ashlee Hood, Michal Isaacs, Derek Kinney, Michael Lammers, James McGlynn, Jerry Morgan, Cody Mortzfield, Candace Poet, Justin Poet, Joshua Radford, Bilal Siddiqui, and Breonn Stephens.

## Merriman Elementary

### HIGH HONORS/ALL A's

#### **Third Grade – Mrs. Doane**

Joshlyn Booth, Jacob Segur, Cierra Toliver, and Nathan Wilkerson.

#### **Third Grade – Mrs. Graham**

Ryan Beesley, Najee Brown, Sarena Dillon, and Sadie Trammell.

#### **Fourth Grade – Ms. Fitch**

Danielle Doyle.

#### **Fifth Grade – Mrs. Lhiva**

Kazam Sheikh and Ciara Turner.

### HONOR ROLL

#### **First Grade – Ms. Knight**

Taylor Cobb, Dominic Cole, Matthew Freeman, Rehman Sheikh, Shanya Sturdivant, and Drew Wilkerson.

#### **Third Grade – Mrs. Doane**

Laura Corpe, Eric Lightsey, Shavon-tae Melchor, and Corey Wilson.

#### **Third Grade – Mrs. Graham**

Ryan Beesley, Najee Brown, Jason Cooke-Thomason, Sarena Dillon, Grace Jendritz, Jennifer Lukas, Alisha Menser, Rayven Rodgers, Sadie Trammell, and Jennifer Workman.

#### **Fourth Grade – Ms. Fitch**

Taylor Hardoin, Olivia Madison, Lucas Molic, Erik Radford, Fatima Sheikh, and Kyle Thompson.

#### **Fourth Grade – Mrs. Misiak**

Rion Bell, Kara Delay, Va'Shonda Foster, Ryan Genigeski, Justice Givhan, Michael Harrington, Sharda Heard, Alesha Howington, Breanna Kelly, Devonte Nelson, Nantara Sheikh, Aaminah Siddiqui, Diamond Smith, Britani Strickland, Seth Urban, and Britton Williamson.

#### **Fifth Grade – Ms. Blake**

Courtney Blakeney, Cha'relle Brewer, Victoria Chatman, Shelby Cholette, Demetri Clanton, Chance Dunigan, Mary Kelly, Ashley Strickland, Cody Szoztek, and Zach Toilolo.

#### **Fifth Grade – Mrs. Lhiva**

Raquel Bovee, Kelly DeFrank, Semaja Ford, Holly Henry, and Scottie Snook.

#### **Sixth Grade – Mrs. Austin**

Roderick Barksdale, Jamie Brewer, Toni Cross, Emily Davis, Jordan Farmer, Tiara Green, Ashley Knick, Pierre Lee, RaeShawn Lightsey, Stephanie Mortzfield, Narjis Sheikh, Patrick Thompson, and Stephen Williams.

### BUG (Bringing Up Grades) ROLL

#### **Second Grade – Ms. Prisco**

India Best, D'Marco Hunter, Ivonne Lewis, Rebecca Nowicki, Michael St. Jacques, and David Strickland.

#### **Second Grade – Mrs. Terwilliger**

Jordan Genigeski, Joshua Harris, Savannah Henry, Tikia Houston, Quentin Robinson, and Kyle Stevens.

#### **Third Grade – Mrs. Doane**

Dazmen Battle, Joshlyn Booth, and Destiny McMillon.

#### **Third Grade – Mrs. Graham**

Amy Best, Cody Deaton, and Javon Messenger.

#### **Fourth Grade – Ms. Fitch**

Amilie Black, Natasia Campbell, Karen Cline, Tasia Brown, Richie Denny, Monique Ellis-Dorr, Brittany Farmer, Shyla Harbin, Taylor Hardoin, Robbie Langston, Olivia Madison, Lucas Molic, Maurice Murphy, Erik Radford, Cameron Reaves, Fatima Sheikh, Jaclyn Summer-ville, Kyle Thompson, Veonica Trammell, Ishaya Vanover, and Carvin Williams.

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### Fourth Grade – Mrs. Misiak

Donnell Brewer, Dakota Carroll, Chelsea Foster, Michael Harrington, Sharda Heard, Alesha Howington, Jeffie Johnson, Breanna Kelly, Elisha McRoy, Devonte Nelson, Julius Rea, Diamond Smith, Britani Strickland, and Jeremiah White.

### Fifth Grade – Ms. Blake

Cha'nelle Brewer, Mozzella Lamb, Josh Martinez, Latrall O'Neal, and Joshua Williams-Banks.

### Fifth Grade – Mrs. Lhiva

Ondrea Caldwell, Levan Card, Shaquille Collins, Jonathan Harris, Derrick Hunt, Shakiah Ready, Chanel Smith, Trina Thomas, and Henry Young.

### ADMIRABLE ATTENDANCE

#### First Grade – Ms. Knight

Taylor Cobb, Kayla Menser, Keyshawn Pope, Taigehanna Stewart, and Shanya Sturdivant.

#### Second Grade – Ms. Prisco

India Best, Gwendolyn Block, Taywon Eaton, Nikhil Flores, India Graham, Ivonne Lewis, Alexis McGraw, and Courtney Thompson.

#### Second Grade – Mrs. Terwilliger

Shaniya Ballester, Za'kesha Foster, Jordan Genigeski, Joshua Harris, Tikia Houston, Dominic Pena, Ashley Robinson, Rabia Sheikh, and Mercedes Williams.

#### Third Grade – Mrs. Doane

Tyler Atkinson, Dazmen Battle, Joshlyn Booth, Amber Bussell, Tayneisha Eaton, Eric Lightsey, Mark Lowe, Shavontae Melchor, Jasmine Mouzon, Nicholas Shotwell, Shaina Smith, Cierra Toliver, and Nathan Wilkerson.

#### Third Grade – Mrs. Graham

Tre'Shun Bell, Amy Best, Gabrielle Bradley, Najea Brown, Jalen James, Martaz Kirkwood, Jennifer Lukas, Alisha Menser, Rayven Rodgers, and Marquese Williams.

#### Fourth Grade – Ms. Fitch

Karen Cline, Nicole Coffey, Taylor Hardoin, Olivia Madison, Lucas Molic, and Fatima Sheikh.

#### Fourth Grade – Mrs. Misiak

Deonta Delaney, Va'Shonda Foster, Ryan Genigeski, Jeffie Johnson, and Devonte Nelson.

#### Fifth Grade – Ms. Blake

Cha'nelle Brewer, Victoria Chatman, Chance Dunigan, James Fox, Josh Martinez, and Robert Taylor.

#### Fifth Grade – Mrs. Lhiva

Nate Bolduc, Shainaya Heard, Scottie Snook, and Ciara Turner.

#### Sixth Grade – Mrs. Austin

Jimmie Card, Toni Cross, Emily Davis, Tiara Green, TiShaun Jackson, Armintha Nelson, Sharonda Vesey, and Stephen Williams.

## Romulus Elementary

### HIGH HONORS

#### Fourth Grade

Keli Boyd.

### Fifth Grade

Karli Gibson, Nathan Rice, Cassie Rice, and Amber White.

### Sixth Grade

Gary Nemeth and Dominique Ross.

### HONOR ROLL

#### Fourth Grade

James Boler, Chris Burks, Brittany Francis, Daijon Frazier, Alexandria Harrington, Bryant Hicks, Julian Johnson, Victoria Johnson, Brittani Lincoln, Jamar Love, Katelyn Moon, Candace Reid, Deontae Russell, Darius Smith, Damisha Spann, Kaylan Spieth, Victoria Taylor, Steven Tropkoff, and Adrianna Williams.

#### Fifth Grade

Brittany Blackburn, Ajah Brown, Jonathan Carr, Pamie Fortson, Antonette Hemphill, Kevin Jameson, Julie Koppenhafer, Brandon LaPrise, Ashley Linnert, Da'Ron Marks-Ford, Cherra Ross, Geridan St. Peter, Jack Storms, Amanda Tucker, Richard Vaughn, and Dominique Wallace.

#### Sixth Grade

Jasmine Calloway, Tanikka Coleman, Darius Curry, Markis Darden, Carlie Frye, Christina Gillespie, Melanie Heins, Christopher Kreitner, Aaron Marion, Nigere Simpson, Sam Wells, Amanda Zavitz, and Mariah Zockheem.

#### Mrs. Watkins's Class

Dawone Allison, Alex Cary, Don Davis, Gary Hemmingway, Brandon Kelly, and Dane Snowball.

### PERFECT ATTENDANCE

#### Kindergarten

Tiger Broadnax, Shayla Brown, Robert Craig, Joshua Davis, Brandon Hicks, Christa Koss, Dakota Kozik, Sarah Kuczynski, Romel Lumpkin, Mia Miller, Abigail Nemeth, Carl Pierce, Tenaya South, Jordan Stuart, Megan Swangim, Bradley Swistara, and William Wilson.

#### First Grade

James Anderson, Elantra Bradford, Damon Groh, Ashleigh Kendrick, Jesse McAnally, Courtney Riley, Karyna Smith, Alex Trout, and Javonna Williams.

#### Second Grade

Sean Crawford, Ciara Dawson, Angela Lamar, Kayla Patterson, Rachel Soard, Joshua Thornton, Sarah Tropkoff, and Keith Zavitz.

#### Third Grade

Breonna Blakely, Delilah Ferris, Jerry Fraley, Jenafir Kennedy, Symone Martin, James Newbill, Andrea Ross, Chelsea Smith, and Eric Trout.

#### Fourth Grade

Keli Boyd, Ashley Cribbs, Stephon Edwards, Eric Ewald, Brittany Francis, Tazonda Gibbs, Bryant Hicks, Jamar Love, Dasha Melchor, Dylan Parrott, Tamar Reynolds, Deontae Russell, and Adrianna Williams.

#### Fifth Grade

Jeremy Cunningham, Demarcus Curry, Thad Gibson, Antonette Hemphill, Julie Koppenhafer, Ashley Linnert, Richard Makela, Da'Ron Marks-Ford, Keoni Mundy, Zachary Nastel, Nathan Rice,

Brian Sharpley, Scott Terry, and Amanda Tucker.

### Sixth Grade

Daisy Brown, Andre Cuevas, Markis Darden, D'Jon DuBose, Johnathon Green, Jordan Harris, Josiah Jackson, Felicia Martin, Dillen Meinicke, Michelle Rhodes, Juanita Rose, Alvita Shack, Nigere Simpson, Patrick Watkins, Megan Watson, and Amanda Zavitz.

#### Mrs. Watkins's Class

Gary Hemmingway, Brandon Kelly, David Kelly, DeAngelo Landfair, and Willie Sledge.

## Wick Elementary

### ALL A's

#### Third Grade – Mrs. Albus

Caleb Hare.

#### Third Grade – Mrs. Zeleji

Cierra Gasser, Desiree Kassa, Jerry McCray, and Jonathan Proctor.

#### Fourth Grade – Mrs. Barnes

Michael Howell and Carman Plank.

#### Fourth Grade – Mr. Haselschwerdt

Loren Adams and Haleigh Baval.

#### Fourth Grade – Mrs. Johnson

Diamond Chandler, Anthony James, and Eric Wands.

#### Fifth Grade – Mrs. Alguire

LeAnne Dawson and Stuart Nairemore.

#### Fifth Grade – Mr. Gibb-Randall

Jason Moore and Ashley Wagle.

### HONOR ROLL

#### Third Grade – Mrs. Albus

Clifton Boddie, Erik Brantley, Aaliyah Eatmon, Pajenai Eubanks, Aaron Hicks, Dawan James, Ronald Johnson, Olivia Mattox, William McGinnis, Samantha Modzynski, Bryan Moore, Kaylan Robb, and Winter Turner.

#### Third Grade – Mrs. Zeleji

Tashyanna Berry, Elexus Lee, Kyah Riley, Joshua Shellman, Earl Smith, and Andre Thomas.

#### Fourth Grade – Mrs. Barnes

Renesha Chandler, Dylan Dotson, Domonique Johnson, Lauren Johnson, Kadijah Jones, Jonathan Ketzner, Shealyn Melville, Bryan Moore, Antonique Mosley, Jeffrey Robertson, Bre'Ana West, and Shelby Woolford.

### Fourth Grade – Mr. Haselschwerdt

Robert Blanton, Junaé Harville, Michael Legion, Amanda Richards, Chelsea Roper, Erica Ross, Amanda Wagle, Jasmine Williams, and Malika Young.

### Fourth Grade – Mrs. Johnson

Brieanna Boyd, Natalia Brown, Talen Brown, Benjamin Camilleri, Richard Evanski, Devon Jacquay, Jaiana Powers, Sierra Smith, and Tiara Woody.

### Fifth Grade – Mrs. Alguire

Beatrice Boyd, DeAndray Buckley, Elea'ele Buford, Dominique Carroll, Steven Destrampe, Tia Evans, Erica Hulet, Taylor Johnson, Brandi Mitchell, Alec Staten, and Ashley Watley.

### Sixth Grade – Mr. Gibb-Randall

Zach Beregsasy, Kenrie Bond, Martel Ellis, Sheldon Gage, Seth Gasser, Brianna Hall, Alex Hicks-Gregory, Ayonna Lawrence, Chelsea Price, and Ashlee Wade.

### Sixth Grade – Mrs. Redmond

Jasmine Abney, Chris Campbell-Fultz, Anisha Eldridge, Travis Griffin, Tamica Mosley, Byron Paisley, Mikayla Pastor, and Lexiss Perkins.

### Sixth Grade – Ms. Richard

Levi Adams, Krystal Burrell, Kyara Lee, Latrice Parnell, and Makayla Williams.

### PERFECT ATTENDANCE

#### Kindergarten – Mrs. Wood

Shaniora Buford.

#### Kindergarten – Mrs. Coryea

Sidny Damron and Alejandra Wells.

#### First Grade – Miss Forth

Christopher Greca, Marquel Small, and Jonathan Stoian.

#### Second Grade – Mrs. Markavich

Maya Davis, Levi Eddings, and Matthew Stoian.

#### Second Grade – Ms. Williams

Alicia Adams, Shakari Cummings, Danielle Davis, Jeremy Horne, Octavia Johnny, Alven Littell, Lorenzo Mosley, Jada Rachal, Chelsea Shellman, and Neacha Williams.

#### Third Grade – Mrs. Zeleji

Elexus Lee.

#### Fourth Grade – Mrs. Barnes

Carman Plank.

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## Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation, for contributing information to the "Sassy Seniors" column. (For more information about events at the Romulus Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, call the Center's new telephone number: 734-955-4120.)

### Senior Volunteers

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of Wayne County provides challenging and meaningful volunteer opportunities for older adults. Through personal interviews, RSVP staff match the skills and interests of people 55 and over to the needs of the community. No matter what your age, there is much you can do.

Benefits of RSVP membership include supplemental accident and liability insurance, transportation assistance, recognition, and a quarterly newsletter with information of interest to seniors.

Among the volunteer opportunities offered by RSVP:

- **Care Sharing** – Care Share volunteers serve as companions to frail elderly persons in their homes for up to four hours a week, giving family care-givers a much-needed break. Free training is provided.
- **Service with Love** – Service with Love volunteers call a short list of home-bound seniors one morning a week to check on their well-being.
- **Readers/Recorders** – Help vision- and learning-impaired people be more successful in their daily lives, jobs, and educations by reading or recording information for them from magazines, newspapers, and books.
- **Literacy Tutoring** – RSVP volunteers are trained to help adult students improve reading skills.
- **Intergenerational (Tutoring)** – This program allows seniors to help by tutoring/assisting in local elementary schools and/or HeadStart programs, or by mentoring K-12 students.
- **Intergenerational (General)** – Bring a smile to a child's face by making history come alive at a local museum, comforting a sick child in a hospital, or assisting with child care.
- **Adult Day Care** – Help day-care or nursing-home staff members with games, activities, and patient visits.
- **Hospitals** – Choose to help out at the information desk or gift shop, help with mail delivery, perform clerical duties, organize special events, and more.

- **Triad** – Through Triad, volunteers work with local law-enforcement agencies to define and resolve issues relating to senior safety.

- **Travelers Aid** – Volunteer at Metro Airport to meet and help people from around the country and around the world. Travelers aids answer questions, give directions, and help travelers reach their destinations safely.

- **World Medical Relief** – Volunteers sort medications for seniors in the tri-county area or sort and pack supplies for countries in need around the world. People with medical backgrounds are especially needed.

For information about becoming an RSVP volunteer, call 313-883-2389.

### Law Day

Local senior citizens are invited to take part in Law Day, set for Friday, May 2. The annual program – a joint project of the 34th District Court, local senior centers, and local high schools – gives young and old alike a chance to experience our legal system firsthand by taking part in a mock trial.

This popular event always receives rave reviews from participants, who say it gets better and better each year. To join the fun, preregister at the Romulus Senior Center.

### Holocaust Museum

The Romulus Senior Center will be taking a trip to the Holocaust Museum on Thursday, May 8, at 9:30 a.m. Although there is no admission charge, donations are welcomed. The cost of lunch (at a local eatery) is not included. Since seating is limited, preregister at the Senior Center as soon as possible.

### Legal Aid

Wayne County residents age 60 and older are eligible to take advantage of the free Legal Aid service. An attorney will be at the Center on Thursday, May 1, beginning at 9:30 a.m. All seniors signed in by 10:30 a.m. will be seen on a first-come/first-served basis. For more information, call the program's toll-free number (877-964-5310) or call 955-4120.

### Weekly Programs

Besides the many special activities offered at the Romulus Senior Center, a number of regularly scheduled free or low-cost programs are also open to local senior citizens. They include:

- ceramics (Mondays, 1 and 6 p.m.),
- Club #1 (Tuesdays, 11 a.m.),
- bunco (Tuesdays, 1 p.m.),
- bingo (Wednesdays, 1 p.m.),
- "fun night" (Wednesdays, 5 p.m.);
- pinochle (Thursdays, 12:30 p.m.),
- quilting (Thursdays, 7 p.m.). □

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### Fourth Grade – Mr. Haselschwerdt

Loren Adams, Junaé Harville, Raven Parnell, Erica Ross, Amanda Wagle, Stephanie Watley, and Jazmine Williams.

### Fourth Grade – Mrs. Johnson

Brieanna Boyd, Mattarius Buford, Michael Householder, Anthony James, Tiara Woody.

### Fifth Grade – Mrs. Alguire

Beatrice Boyd, Antonio James, and Jamarco Stephens.

### Fifth Grade – Mr. Gibb-Randall

Martel Ellis, Sheldon Gage, Kyana Lee, and Chelsea Price.

### Sixth Grade – Ms. Richard

Daniel Davis and Kyara Lee.

## Romulus Middle School

### ALL A's

#### Seventh Grade

Rachel Arthur, Chelsea Earby, Kourtney Hamilton, Alisa James, Vaughn Liendo, Amanda Menser, Leanna Pioli, Chiara Snook, and Tranay Tanner.

#### Eighth Grade

Jennifer Dick, Jessica Dick, Aurielle McCauley, and Jessica Mills.

### HONOR ROLL

#### Seventh Grade

Shontez Akins, Cody Bailey, Antoine Baines, Heather Baval, Michael Behnke, Latanya Bellinger, Brian Bostain, Marwin Boyd, Jasmine Brown, Kentrell Brown, Dean Burcroff, Latiesa Burnett, Tiffani Cannon, Megan Carmickle, Christine Celske, Frances Cistrunk, Carmen Colie, Jasmine Colquitt, Tiffany Conradson, Bianca Courtland, Brian Cummings, Matthew Destrampe, Heather Doyle, Kristen Dubisky, Shaniya Dye, Nikki Eves, Stacy Fabinski, Alfonso Garcia, April Gondek, Ashley Gondek, Alyssa Green, Kenneth Gregory, Miranda Gubaci, Kristina Hall, Adam Hammond, Maura Harris, Steven Hawes, Jasmine Hollingsworth, Anjennette Hood, Tanisha Hubbard, Barrett Jackson, Erica Jackson, Tameeka Jackson, Rose Julius, Thomas Kortas, Justin Kuderick, Kristin Leigh, Rebecca Lewkowicz, Justin Little, Jacquelyn Logan, Jennifer Logan, Valencia Mathews, Miranda McDiarmid, Janeice McNeal, Joya McNeal, Alyssia McVay, Myron Miller, Alecia Morgan, Arielle Morgan, Lawrence Nastal, Corey Neely, Darius Osborne, Amelia Pelayo, Melissa Peterson, Nakendra Pinkston, Shauna Pitman, Victoria Rak, Katelyn Rogers, Lance Rusan, Stephanie Rutherford, Amanda Saylor, Ryan Schulz, Kyle Sherwood, Chenise Smith, Elizabeth Spearman, Kevin Sperry, Taquila Spiller, Jasmine Stephens, Samantha Stewart, Akara Stovall, Leroy Talley, Abigail Tieppo, Ronnisha Turner, Phillip Vaghy, Ryan Verduco, Matthew Wagle, Brandy Walker, Tricia Wanamaker, Demar Watkins, Darryl White, Dyonna White, Elijah White, Starnesha White, Brandon Williams, Julian Williams, Mario Williams, Tiffany Williams, Mindy Willingham, Tempest

Willis, Natalie Wilson, Henry Windham, Clara Windom, and Crystal Zimmerman.

#### Eighth Grade

Shawn Abney, Shon Aggison, Maurice Anderson, Patrice Barden, Sarah Berger, William Blackburn, Andrew Boyd, Amanda Braden, Brieana Bray, Jason Britton, Candice Bruckner, Akeem Burkes, Nicole Carroll, Kiara Carter, Roshawnda Caruthers, Katherine Cobb, Larhonda Colvin, Daniel Cross, Stacy Davidson, Jessica Donald, Yetunde Emanuel, Carissa Franklin, Angela Gondek, Rashaunda Graham, Tiffany Gray, Sandra Harris, James Hayes, Lindsey Hines, James Hoskinson, Edwina Jackson, Erick Jackson, Rebekah Jackson, Samuel Jackson, Antoine James, Jessica James, Joy Jendritz, Jennifer Johnson, Lisa Johnson, Sarah Johnson, Joseph Kiesznowski, Deanna Kordonis, Dean Kovacs, Amanda Kreutzer, Marco Little, Kaitlyn Lovenduski, Jasmine Martin, Maureen McGlynn, Richelle Mortzfield, Jena Paisley, Tiffany Penn, Darius Price, Gary Puhl, Joshua Ray, Audrey Reed, Jetaun Robinson, Anthony Schooley, Amna Sheikh, Ale Sandra Smith, Cedric Smith, Eric Smith, Eric Smith, Kevanna Smith, Monay Smith, Stacey Sparks, Renea Sperry, Kevin Stobbe, Patrick Sutter, Erika Wasson, Dakota Watson, Mariay Watt, George Wells, Kandice Wells, Amber White, Lorenzo Wilson, Theresa Windom, Britany Wright, and Desirea Yates.

## Romulus High School

The following Romulus High School students made the honor roll during the fourth marking period.

### ALL A's

#### Tenth Grade

Kristen Atchley, Jazmine Bennett, Ronnie Brown, and Paulette Stanford.

#### Eleventh Grade

Kenneth Booker, Latoya Flint, Lajoya Orr, and Iesha Taylor.

#### Twelfth Grade

Sarah Gray, Bradley Hindman, Hilary Kozma, Leslie Perez, Demequa Poole, and Robert Rice.

### PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL

Students on the Principal's Honor Roll achieved a grade point average of 3.5 or above.

#### Ninth Grade

Carla Anderson, Kathryn Appel, Samantha Arnett-Butscher, Megan Bearman, Lindsay Beregsasy, Bradley Bills, Matthew Brown, Ayibatari Burutolu, Joshua Carroll, Ronald Carter, Adam Delay, Krystin Foster, Brittney Garrison, Doloris Garry, Dean Gilbert, Amber Gondek, Ashley Horyn, Shannon Kowalski, Erica Linton, Christopher Lucaj, Justin Maupin, Jonathan McLachlan, Ashley Moss, Tiffany Motsch, Amanda Nowicki, Jonathan Rafalski, Anisa Rakic, Anne Ross, Kayla Schmidt, Patricia Silvey, Dennis Suiter, Alberta Taylor, Megan Whalen, Patricia Williams,

Amanda Willingham, Velon Willis, Jessica Workman, and Brittani Zockheem.

#### Tenth Grade

Tiffany Block, Brenden Boyd, Donald Brewer, Chrystal Coleman, Katie Hale, Janet Johnson, Daniel Kinney, Antoinette Nelson, Philip Roscoe, Megan Scott, Sawaira Sheikh, Jessica Shelton, Matthew Steffani, Jamie Suiter, Joann Tieppo, Kimberly Wilson, Lashonda Windham, and Ashley Wright.

#### Eleventh Grade

Aamer Ahmad, Darnell Anderson, Deborah Anderson, Natalie Blake, Brian Cochran, Jessica Frost, Randall Frye, Toni Gibson, Ariola Gjikota, Roy Hollis, Patrick McCollum, Patrick Miller, Hanya Ombima, Kristina Rafalski, Denisa Rakic, Tiffiney Ramsay, Britany Sawdy, Sara Schulz, Ryan Tackett, Kyle Wasson, Jurbar Williams, and Gentjan Xhikola.

#### Twelfth Grade

Paul Adkins, Christopher Anderson, Jacquelyn Anderson, Natasha Baldwin, Clint Bergum, Amanda Brewington, Laneisha Brown, Ronald Buckley, Tiffany Burrell, Taritonye Burutolu, Amanda Crosby, Sherri Davis, Julia Deshazor, Brendalee Finley, Rick Hadyniak, Kelly Hardway, Jamie Henna, Bethany Hotchkiss, Paris Jackson, Crystal Koch, Andrew McNeil, Jesse Morris, Robert Nguyen, Michael Patrias, Heather Patrick, Donald Richison, Keona Riley, Briana Smith, Clifford Smith, Jill Steffani, Bethany Swauger, Brandon Varga, Cassandra Wilson, and Mark Woody.

### HONOR ROLL

Students on the Honor Roll achieved a grade point average of 3.0 to 3.49.

#### Ninth Grade

Jarran Booker, Merrika Brown, Landria Buckley, Mari Clay, Carmen Coleman, Brian Demoisey, Katherine Drayton, Poko Duarnyenneh, Katrell Duncan, Mario Edwards, Jason Elwell, Bradley Garland, Carl Gillespie, Jillian Gray, Samina Haq, Lester Hardy, Michael Hudson, Jennifer Hunter, Dawan Jackson, Ronald Kreutzer, Jennifer Lammers, Courtney MacDougall, Tiffani McCloud, Krystle McKay, Rhea Parteé, Timothy Reed, Joshua Rivera, Brandon Ross, Arlennea Savage, Kevin Smith, Alfred Stewart, Mary Stewart, Ileana Usztics, Ashlee Wells, Monica Wells, LeRodd Williams, Quale Williams, Stephanie Williams, and Joshua Zirkle.

#### Tenth Grade

Janiece Armstrong, Horace Baines, Shavon Bell, Kursha Bradford, Antoine Burrell, Teela Carroll, Justin Chapman, Sara Cholette, Anica Coate, Yvette Douglass, Derrick Dugan, Ashley Gorkiewicz, Crystal Hahn, Paris Hawkins, Shamara Hill-Harris, Benjamin Hohman, Keith Holman, Emily Hornfeld, Lucretia Johnson, James Kendrick, Michael Knight, Paul Lenderman, Mallori Losacco, Jese Lowrey, Anjelique Moss, Jessica Obayan, Candace Parsons, Dijon Piggee, Anthony Price, Malcolm Rhodes,

Lindsay Sharp, Casey Stevenson, Anastasia Strother, Kenise Thompson, Krista Thore, Sarah Ward, Natalie Watt, Dant'E Williams, Sarah Williams, Shawnita Williams, and William Williams.

#### Eleventh Grade

Charmaine Atkins, Jessica Bright, Cassie Caldwell, Kristina Camilleri, Stephanie Clay, Ronald Coleman, Rondal Cox, Elliot Craig, Raleah Davis, Jenessa Deshazor, Thomas Drayton, Carissa Drobil, Tia Flemings, Sabrina Gomes, Stephanie Gurner, Christian Hadden, Terry Harper, Justin Heins, Danielle Hendricks, Sarah Herbert, Jeffrey Hoffman, Brandon Johnson, Constance Kersey, Robert Koss, Nicole Liendo, Sarah Lindroth, Angela Lukas, Cherise Lundy, Jajuan Mosby, Derrick Nevels, Krystal Oliver, Nereida Pena, Roderick Poole, Lysie Ransaw, Justin Rooding, Cilia Sanchez, Adrian Simmons, Christopher Speer, Johnathon Studstill, Patrecia Sucharski, Rebecca Thornton, Isaiah Warren, Cherie Whorton, Princess Williams, Tenisha Williams, Marissa Wilson, and Jeremiah Yeager-Hudson.

#### Twelfth Grade

Shannon Allen, Christopher Bailey, Christopher Berry, Ashley Bishop, Katie Bolus, Christopher Bostain, Ryan Boyd, Kyleen Calloway, Christopher Chesno, Kelli Cholette, Meghan Conway, Terra Cooley, Kimberly Cotton, Carlos Crockett, Christopher Culver, Amanda Davis, Leatric Dickson, Tierra Gibbons, Megan Hatcher, Erick Hemmingway, Melissa Holman, Curtis Jackson, Magan Keely, Julian Lambert, Rhonda Matthews, Jacob Mercado, Jason Messenger, Joseph Miller, Kelly Minner, Joshua Nichols, Nicole Nolan, Erica Ochs, Latoya Pillow, Andrew Rodger, Da'Shalone Ross, Jennifer Sattler, Darrien Sibby, Tiffany Smith, Latoya Starr, Lawrence Stephens, Christopher Swantek, Dennis Thompson, Marcia Todd, Maurice Webb, Kareena Wells, Jerry White, Shera Williams, and Sajmir Xhikola.

*Editor's note: The Romulus News welcomes honor roll and perfect-attendance lists from all schools attended by Romulus residents.* □

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## Obituaries

### Linda R. Askew

Linda R. Askew of Lenox, Michigan, passed away on Monday, March 31, 2003. She was 57 years old.

A native of River Rouge, Michigan, Linda was born on Friday, December 7, 1945. She received her Bachelor of Science Degree from Eastern Michigan University (Ypsilanti) on April 20, 1974, and graduated from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (Daytona Beach, FL), on August 13, 1999. For more than 20 years, she was employed by the United States Army Tank-Automotive and Armaments Command at Selfridge International Guard Base.

Linda was the secretary for the Sunday School program at First Baptist Church (Romulus, MI), and enjoyed singing with both the Youth Choir and the Spiritual Youth Choral. She also enjoyed

sewing, gardening, and caring for horses. Her family was very important to her.

Surviving Linda are her mother, Ethel (Scropshire) Askew (Romulus); 5 brothers, Larry O. (Ann Arbor, MI), Moses F. (Belleville, MI), and Lowell (Canton, MI), Timothy A. (St. Paul, MN), and Walter P. Askew (Belleville); 3 sisters, Laura Kelley, Cynthia Griffin, and B. Joyce Culbreath (all of Ypsilanti); 23 nieces and nephews; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Her father, Moses Askew, predeceased her on December 11, 1989.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, April 5, at First Baptist Church, with the Reverend Charles Woolridge officiating. Cremation rites to be accorded. Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus).

### Marguerite Brazos

Marguerite Brazos of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Thursday, April 10, 2003, at the age of 95.

Born in Athens, Georgia, on Friday, March 27, 1908, Marguerite was a Wayne State University alumna and a member of the AKA sorority. Before retiring, she was employed as a social worker by the City of Detroit. She was a creative person who enjoyed art, antiques, and remodeling, and loved traveling all over the world.

Marguerite is survived by a brother,

Horace (Sarah) Stephens (Romulus), as well as a host of nieces and nephews.

Those who predeceased her included her husband, Auther Brazos; her parents, Mark and Annie (Wise) Stephens; a brother, Marcus Stephens; and a sister, Annabelle Stephens.

A funeral service was held on Monday, April 14, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), with Elder Bruce Donald (Saints City Church of God in Christ, Romulus) officiating. Burial was at Romulus Memorial Cemetery.

### Allen Dennett

Allen Dennett of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Wednesday, April 2, 2003. He was 41 years old.

A native of Belleville, Michigan, Allen was born on Tuesday, September 19, 1961. He graduated from Romulus High School in 1980 and worked as assistant assessor for the City of Romulus for 18 years. Allen was an avid bowler, and once achieved bowling a 300 game.

Among those surviving him are his mother, Flora (Cook) Rowe (Romulus); 3 brothers, Dale Bunch (Monroe, MI),

Mike Bunch (AZ), and Jim Dennett (Livonia, MI); 4 sisters, Judy (Jerry) Bunch-Haliburdt (Allen Park, MI), Joyce (Don) Warnick (Belleville), Denise Dennett (Canton, MI), and Dawn (Loren) Smith (Westland, MI); 7 nieces and nephews; and a great-niece, Isabella.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, April 5, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), with Reverend Donald Dahlberg (New Beginnings Church, Wayne, MI) officiating. Burial was at Romulus Memorial Cemetery.

### Frances E. Sylvester

Frances E. Sylvester of Sturgis, Michigan, passed away on Tuesday, April 1, 2003, at the age of 77.

Frances was born in Ecorse, Michigan, on Thursday, February 25, 1926. The former resident of Romulus, Michigan, liked going to the senior center in Brownstown, Michigan, to make crafts. She also enjoyed gardening and canning what she grew.

Frances is survived by a son, Harold (Barbara) Sylvester (Devil's Lake, MI); 2

daughters, Sharon (Gerald) Tomey (Sturgis) and JoAnn Bower (Whitmore Lake, MI); 9 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her husband, Harold Sylvester (December 17, 2001), 2 brothers, and a sister.

A funeral service was held on Friday, April 4, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), with the Reverend Donald Gregory officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock). □

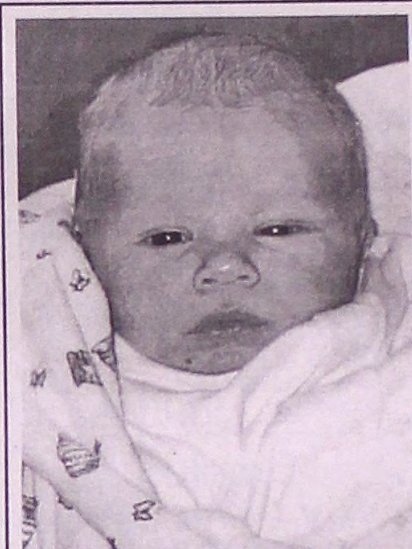
## The Stork Arrived

### Leonard LeRoy Rozdoske III

Leonard L. Jr. and Margo Rozdoske of Lachine, Michigan, are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Leonard LeRoy Rozdoske III.

Leonard was born in Alpena General Hospital (Alpena, MI) at 2:02 p.m. on Saturday, February 22, 2003, weighing in at 8 pounds, 3 ounces, and measuring 21½ inches.

Among those giving the new arrival a warm welcome into the family were his paternal grandparents, Leonard L. and Eleanor Rozdoske (Romulus, MI); his maternal grandparents, Rodger and Jackie Wright (Centerline, MI); paternal great-grandmother, Nettie Snyr (Romulus), and maternal great-grandmother, Adelia Ward (St. Clair Shores, MI). □



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## Obituary

### Melba L. Austin

Melba Lindola Austin, age 63, of Adrian, departed this life on Sunday, April 6, 2003, in the presence and loving care of her family.

Melba was born to Pinkney Willard and Vivian Beatrice Chapman on July 8, 1939, in Hickory, North Carolina. She attended Willow Run and Romulus schools, later moving to Georgia, Florida, and back to Michigan. Melba worked in a variety of occupations, including sales and child care, and worked for nearly 20 years for the Polk County Public Schools in Florida as a school bus driver.

She is survived by a daughter, Brigitte Beatrice Austin (Adrian, MI); a son, Billy Gene Austin (Arlington, VA); 3 brothers, Fred (Pauline) Chap-

man (Taylor, MI), Graham Chapman (Wayne, MI), and Pledger (Betty) Chapman (Huntsville, AL); and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a sister, and 4 brothers.

Melba was "a kick in the pants" and loved by all who knew her. She will be sorely missed. "God speed, Mom," says her family. "We love you always."

Visitation and a celebration of Melba's life was held at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI) on Tuesday, April 8. Memorial services were held on Wednesday, April 9, with the Reverend Marvin Hawbaker (Calvary Baptist Church, Romulus) officiating. Cremation rites to be accorded. □



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